

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-26, 36-53, 55-68, and 73-81 stand rejected under §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Prinz (US Pat. No. 5,025,416).

Claims 1-17, 29-30, 32-38, 47-53, 55-65, 73, and 75-81 stand rejected under §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lienau (US Pat. No. 5,295,097).

Claims 27, 28, 31, 54, 69-72 stand objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All Claims Allowable

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 27, 28, 31, 54, and 69-72. By this amendment, dependent claims 27, 31, 54, and 69 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 28 now depends from allowable claim 27. Claims 70-72 depend from allowable claim 69. Claims 1-26, 29, 30, 32-53, 55-68, 73-81 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer reserving the right to file a continuing application to further prosecute these claims. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after

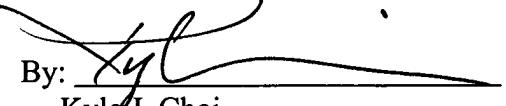
consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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